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In re the Application of: **HOJO, Hisakazu, et al.**

Group Art Unit: **1794**

Serial No.: **10/523,034**

Examiner: **COLE, Elizabeth M.**

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For: **FLOWER THINNING AGENT**

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116**  
**- EXPEDITED RESPONSE -**  
**GROUP ART UNIT 1794**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

August 5, 2009

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 6, 2009, the period for response extended to August 6, 2009, by a Petition for a one-month Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 this paper.